Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method of auctioning ~~a product~~ products on a computer network ~~having an auction site and a scan site, wherein the auction site has a sale product identifier indicative of a product for sale by a seller~~, the method comprising:

placing a first sale product identifier indicative of a first product for sale by a first seller on a first auction site which is hosted on the computer network by a first auction site host for a first auctioneer;

placing a second sale product identifier indicative of a second product for sale by a second seller on a second auction site which is hosted on the computer network by a second auction site host for a second auctioneer;

placing a desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by a buyer on ~~the~~ a scan site ~~of~~ which is hosted on the computer network by a scan site host for a third auctioneer~~, the desired product identifier indicative of a product desired by the buyer~~;

monitoring the auction ~~site~~ sites with the scan site using electronic data interchange messaging in order to compare[[;]]

~~comparing~~ the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers on the auction ~~site~~ sites;

determining from the comparison between the desired product identifier and the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on any of the auction ~~site~~ sites by any of the ~~seller~~ sellers; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction ~~site~~ sites using electronic data interchange messaging to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the ~~seller~~ sellers to determine the product desired by the buyer.

2.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

notifying the buyer when the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

3.   (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein:

notifying the buyer includes notifying the buyer using electronic mail.

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein:

each of the product identifiers includes a category product identifier, wherein comparing the desired product identifier with the sale product identifier identifiers includes comparing the category product identifier on the scan site with the category product identifier identifiers on the auction site sites.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein:

each of the product identifiers includes a description product identifier, wherein comparing the desired product identifier with the sale product identifier identifiers includes comparing the description product identifier on the scan site with the description product identifier identifiers on the auction site sites.

6-7.   (CANCELLED)

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 2 further comprising:

placing a bid from the buyer to [[the]] an auction site for the product desired by the buyer.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 2 further comprising:

removing the desired product identifier from the scan site in response to the buyer being notified that the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

10.   (CANCELLED)

11.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer network auctioning system comprising:

an ~~a~~ first auction host computer ~~having an~~ hosting a first auction site on a computer network for a first auctioneer, wherein the first auction site has a first sale product identifier indicative of a first product for sale by a first seller; ~~and~~

a second auction host computer hosting a second auction site on the computer network for a second auctioneer, wherein the second auction site has a second sale product identifier indicative of a second product for sale by a second seller; and

a scan host computer ~~having~~ hosting a scan site on the computer network for a third auctioneer, wherein the scan ~~host computer is operable for placing~~ site has a desired product identifier ~~on the scan site of the computer network, the desired product identifier~~ indicative of a product desired by a buyer, wherein the scan host computer ~~operable to monitor~~ monitors the auction ~~site,~~ sites using electronic data interchange messaging in order to compare the desired product identifier on the scan site with the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers on the auction ~~site,~~ sites and ~~determine~~ then determines from the comparison between the desired product identifier and the sale product ~~identifier~~ identifiers whether the product desired by the buyer is for sale on any of the auction ~~site~~ sites by any of the ~~seller~~ sellers;

wherein the auction host ~~computer monitors~~ computers monitor the scan site using electronic data interchange messaging to identify the desired product identifier placed on the scan site in order to enable the ~~seller~~ sellers to determine the product desired by the buyer.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:

the scan host computer is further operable to notify the buyer when the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

13.   (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the scan host computer notifies the buyer using electronic mail.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the scan host computer is operable for placing a bid from the buyer to [[the]] an auction site for the product desired by the buyer.

15.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 12 wherein:

the scan host computer is operable for removing the desired product identifier from the scan site in response to the buyer being notified that the product desired by the buyer is for sale on [[the]] an auction site by [[the]] a seller.

16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:

each of the product identifiers includes a category product identifier, wherein the scan host computer compares the category product identifier on the scan site with the category product identifier identifiers on the auction site sites.

17.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 11 wherein:

each of the product identifiers includes a description product identifier, wherein the scan host computer compares the description product identifier on the scan site with the description product identifier identifiers on the auction site sites.

18-20. (CANCELLED)

21.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of auctioning a product merchandise on a computer network having a plurality of auction sites and a scan site, wherein each of the auction sites have sale product identifiers indicative of products for sale by sellers, the method comprising:

placing sale identifiers indicative of merchandise for sale by sellers on auction sites hosted by respective auction site hosts on the computer network for respective auctioneers;

placing desired ~~product~~ identifiers <u>indicative of merchandise desired by buyers</u> on ~~the~~ <u>a</u> scan site <u>hosted on</u> ~~of~~ the computer network <u>by a scan site host for another auctioneer</u>~~;~~

~~the desired product identifiers indicative of products desired by buyers;~~

monitoring the auction sites with the scan site <u>using electronic data interchange messaging in order to compare</u>[[;]]

~~comparing~~ the desired ~~product~~ identifiers on the scan sites with the sale ~~product~~ identifiers on the auction sites;

determining from the comparison between the desired ~~product~~ identifiers and the sale ~~product~~ identifiers whether ~~products~~ <u>merchandise</u> desired by the buyers ~~are~~ <u>is</u> for sale on the auction sites by the sellers; and

monitoring the scan site with the auction sites <u>using electronic data interchange messaging</u> to identify the desired ~~product~~ identifiers placed on the scan site in order to enable the sellers to determine the ~~products~~ <u>merchandise</u> desired by the buyers.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 21 further comprising:

notifying buyers which auction sites the sellers are selling ~~products~~ <u>the merchandise</u> desired by the buyers when the ~~products~~ <u>merchandise</u> desired by the buyers are for sale on the auction sites by the sellers.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 22 further comprising:

notifying the buyers of the current bid of the ~~products~~ <u>merchandise</u> desired by the buyers for sale on the auction sites by the sellers.

24. (CANCELLED)